(b) what is the form under which each of these drugs is used, along with different forms under which each is being marketed in the country;

(c) what are the names of other diseases for which each of these drugs are mainly used;

(d) what is the form under which each drug is used for each disease; and

(e) what is the percentage of each drug used for National Health Programmes such as STD, blindness, diarrhoea etc. and what percentage is used for other diseases not covered under National Health Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. These drugs are used for treatment of eye diseases which if untreated may lead to blindness. They are also used for treating infections and inflamation of other systems of the body. Vitamin A is used to prevent and treat diseases due to Vitamin A deficiency and malnutrition. These drugs are used and marketed in the form of lotions, drops, ointments for local application, tablets, Capsules, Syrups and drops for oral use and injectable.

(e) It is difficult to determine the percentage of each drug used either for National Health Programmes or for other diseases.

Setting up of national highway authority

*9. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Highway Authority to improve the condition of roads in the country;

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be set up; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Requisite steps for formation of the Authority are under finalisation.

Promotion of unani system of medicine

*10. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the promotion of Unani system of medicine during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the outlines of the plan; and

(c) what is the total amount of funds allotted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) For the promotion of Unani System of Medicine during the 7th Five Year Plan, a provision of about Rs. 800 lakhs has been made. The major activities are as follows:—

(i) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) New Delhi.

(ii) National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bangalore.

(iii) A. K. Tibbia College, Aligarh.

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare established to

initiate, aid, conduct, develop and coordinate scientific research in Unani Medicine. It has a network of 29 research institutes and units. The research comprises clinical research, drug research, literary research and survey of medicinal plants. In addition, the Council also carried out work on drugs standardisation. During the 7th Plan a sum of Rs. 650 lakhs has been proposed for CCRUM to enable it to carry out its activities.

A National Institute of Unani Medicine is being set up at Bangalore to function as centre of excellence for Unani education.

A separate faculty of Unani Medicine has been set up at Ajmal Khan Tibbia College, Aligarh during the 7th Plan period.

Collaboration of film makers with NCERT for educational TV Programmes

*11. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that independent film makers of the country are to collaborate with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to produce-educational T.V. programmes for school children; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The National Education Policy envisages utilisation of all available resources in the country for generation of relevant and culturally compatible educational media programmes. The 'Programme of Action' stipulates that individual producers outside the Government will be involved in production of such programmes to the extent possible. In order to evolve a mechanism for implementing these provisions, the National Council of Educational Research and Training has held a symposium in June 1988 in which eminent private producers, film makers and media persons participated. The specific mechanism is yet to be worked out.

Setting up of a ship-building yard at Hazira

*12. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a ship-building yard at Hazira;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not taking a decision in this regard; and

(c) by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A proposal to have a new shipyard at Hazira was considered earlier but was not accepted as the project was not found to be financially viable.

(c) There is no proposal at present to set up any new Shipbuilding yard.

Supply of gift pouches to A/c first class passengers

*13. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply gift pouches, containing toilet items to the passengers travelling by air- conditioned first class;